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EDITORIALS†

WAR

War has come to our country. Japan's declaration against the United States and Great Britain, made on December 7, was announced as this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is in press. From this time on, the rôle of Medical Preparedness takes on a different aspect.

The armed services must now be implemented to full strength in all branches. The Medical Corps of both Navy and Army require physicians to permit them to function in highest efficiency.

As in World War I, this need will be fully met by the medical profession. Organized and Scientific Medicine will give of their best. The California Medical Association gladly accepts its responsibilities.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

A Year of Trial.—Another year is nearing its end, during which, in the last twelve months, many members of the medical profession have found it necessary to make numerous and varied adjustments, some of a nature involving real hardships respecting their careers, and also to their families. To colleagues who have thus taken up new duties in these uncertain times, good wishes in generous amount are extended, and the hope expressed that, for them and theirs all may turn out for the best!

To other members of the California Medical Association, greetings of similar nature are given. Physicians not in military service are likewise faced with new conditions, the Nation's economic and other programs—brought about through the present international emergency—being still too much in a state of flux to permit citizens to foresee all that days to come may have in store.

Should the present crises be but forerunners of even graver events, physicians will probably be called upon to make greater sacrifices. However, if such be the course of affairs, then, as in the past, members of the California Medical Association will be found doing their part in full.

Therefore, in that knowledge and spirit of generous service to country and fellow-men, character-

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